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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of playing a draw poker game comprising:

a) dealing a player a first five card hand from a first deck of playing cards;

b) dealing the player a second five card hand from a second deck of playing cards;

c) identifying to the player a playing card value for each of the playing cards of the first five card hand;

d) concealing from the player a playing card value for one or more of the playing cards of the second five card hand;

e) the player selecting either the first hand or the second hand;

f) identifying to the player a playing card value for each of the playing cards of the second five card hand not previously identified ~~where~~ in response to the player ~~selects~~ selecting the second hand;

g) the player either standing on the hand selected or discarding one or more cards from the hand selected;

h) dealing the player replacement cards for the discarded cards, if any;

i) determining a value for the player's selected hand as modified by any of said replacement cards based on conventional poker hand ranking; and

j) awarding the player a predetermined amount based on said ~~the value of the player's selected hand.~~

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2. (original) The method of Claim 1, and further comprising the step of modifying the award to the player where the player selects the second hand.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the player's selected hand having value under a conventional poker hand ranking is not awarded a predetermined amount where the player selects the second hand.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck.

5. (original) The method of Claim 1 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck plus at least one extra Joker card which is treated as a wild card.

6. (original) The method of Claim 1 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck with at least one of the cards being treated as a wild card.

7. (original) The method of Claim 1 in which the value of the player's selected hand is determined by comparing the poker hand ranking of the player's selected hand to a payout schedule.

8. (original) The method of Claim 7 in which the predetermined amount based on the value of the player's selected hand is based on a payout schedule.

9. (original) The method of Claim 8, and further comprising modifying the payout schedule where the player selects the second hand.

10. (original) The method of Claim 9, in which a previously winning result provided by the payout schedule is removed.

11. (currently amended) A method of playing a draw poker game on an electronic gaming machine comprising:

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- a) electronically displaying to a player a first five card hand face up from a first deck of playing cards;
- b) electronically displaying five cards face down a ~~second five card hand from a second deck of playing cards;~~
- c) the player selecting either the first hand or the face down cards ~~second hand;~~
- d) electronically displaying to the player ~~the~~ a second five card hand face up after the player has selected ~~between the face down cards first and the second hands;~~
- e) the player either standing on the hand selected or discarding ~~one or~~ one or more cards from the hand selected;
- f) electronically determining a value for the hand selected by the player as modified by any discards based on conventional poker hand ranking; and
- g) awarding the player a predetermined amount based on said ~~the value of the player's selected hand.~~

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The method of Claim 11 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck.

14. (original) The method of Claim 13 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck plus at least one extra Joker card which is treated as a wild card.

15. (original) The method of Claim 14 in which each deck of playing card is a standard 52 card deck with at least one of the cards being treated as a wild card.

16. (original) The method of Claim 11 in which the value of the player's selected hand is determined by electronically comparing the poker hand ranking of the player's selected hand to a payout schedule.

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17. (original) The method of Claim 16 in which the predetermined amount based on the value of the player's selected hand is based on a payout schedule.

18. (currently amended) The method of Claim 11 in ~~11in~~ which the player is awarded by accruing credits on a credit meter displayed on the gaming machine.

19. (currently amended) A method of playing a draw poker game on an electronic gaming machine comprising:

a) a player wagering at least one coin;
b) electronically displaying to the player a first five card hand face up from a first deck of playing cards;

c) storing a signal representation of electronically selecting without displaying to the player a second five card hand from a second deck of playing cards and displaying five cards face down;

d) the player selecting either the first hand or the face down cards ~~second hand~~;

e) electronically displaying to the player the second five card hand face up in response to selection of the face down cards;

e) the player either standing on the hand selected or discarding one or more cards from the hand selected;

f) electronically displaying to the player replacement cards for the discarded cards, if any;

g) electronically determining a value for the player's selected hand as modified by any replacement cards based on conventional poker hand ranking, and

h) paying the player a predetermined amount of coins based on said ~~the value of the player's selected hand~~.

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20. (canceled)